mined the questions in a very good speech though somewhat long, ending with thanks to her Majesty for her great patience in hearing This done the Queen returned to her lodging attended as she had come

A PROCLAMATION ABOUT THE GREAT CARRACK

A proclamation is published charging all who have taken or received goods of any value out of the Spanish carrack lately brought to Dartmouth, either while she was on the seas or since her coming into the haven, that within ten days they discover to the principal officer of the place where they reside what they have received or sold

Likewise all innkeepers, householders, or owners of any vessels, where any person shall come with any carnage wherein they may suspect any portion of the commodities from the carrack to be bestowed, shall cause the same to be stayed

Further, that if anyone who claims any portion of the goods by reason of his consort or adventure in the late service be proved to have taken or bought anything from the carrack without revealing it to the Commissioners, he shall lose all the benefit he might claim from the adventure

2^tb September THE QUEEN AT OXFORD

Being Sunday the sermon was preached before the Queen by the Dean of Chnstchurch, Dr James, and at night a comedy, called *Bellum Grammaticale,* was acted in the hall of the College which was most graciously and patiently heard by the Queen, though but meanly performed

SIR ROBERT CECIL AT DARTMOUTH

Sir Robert Cecil now wnteth from Dartmouth of his dealings with the Great Carrack As soon as he came on board the carrack with the rest of the Commissioners, Sir Walter Ralegh arrived with his keeper, Mr Blunt His poor servants to the

number of 140, and all the manners came to him with such
shouts of joy that he was much troubled to quiet them But
his heart is broken, and he is extremely pensive unless he is
busied, in which he can toil terribly. The meeting between
him and Sir John Gilbert, his half-brother, was with tears on
Sir John's part, but Ralegh finding that it is known that he hath
a keeper, whenever he is saluted with congratulation for his